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SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

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1. PARA 3 REFTEL MENTIONED INTERNAL IAEA LEGAL OPINION NOT YET MADE PUBLIC BUT WHICH DIR GEN PLANNED TO MAKE PUBLIC AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, THAT EXISTING LANGUAGE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, CALLING FOR SAFEGUARDED MATERIAL NOT TO BE USED TO FURTHER ANY MILITARY PURPOSE, PROHIBITS USE SUCH MATERIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OR MANUFACTURE ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSVIE DEVICE.

2. UK RES REP JACKSON HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY FROM HMG TO ADDRESS QUESTION IN WRITING TO DIR GEN, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE IAEA THAT ALL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH THE IAEA PRECULUDE THE USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUBJECT TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT

OR MANUFACTURING A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOR ANY PURPOSE. UNQUOTE.

3. IAEA SECRETARIAT HAS DRAFTED PROPOSED RESPONSE TO FOREGOING QUESTION WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

A. THE ANSWER IS YES.

B. SAFEGUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE OF THE IAEA AND THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM ARE APPLIED ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS.

C. WHEN THESE AGREEMENTS ARE CONCLUDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NPT, THEY ARE DESIGNED TO VERIFY THAT THE SAFEGUARDED MATERIAL "IS NOT DIVERTED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES".

D. THE OTHER TYPE OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS ARE CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF A DOCUMENT CALLED "THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM" (INFCIRC/66/REV.2). THESE AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A BASIC UNDERTAKING BY THE STATE THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL OR OTHER ITMS SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE USED "IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FURTHER ANY MILITARY PURPOSE". (FOOTNOTE TO FOREGOING SENTENCE WOULD READ: QUOTE UNDER A FEW AGREEMENTS THE UNDERTAKING IS WORDED IN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TERMS INVOLVING AN OBLIGATION TO USE MATERIAL OR ITEMS FOR "PEACEFUL PURPOSES". THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS NOT APPLY EQUALLY TO THOSE AGREEMENTS:. UNQUOTE) PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF SUCH AGREEMENTS THE AGENCY HAS THE RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO APPLY SAFEGUARDS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THAT UNDERTAKING. MOREOVER, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RELEVANT TERMS OF THE STATUTE AS INCORPORATED IN THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, THE AGENCY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS COMPLIANCE WITH THAT UNDERTAKING (CF. STATUTE ARTICLE XII).

E. THE TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING AND MANUFACTURING ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IS NOT DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THAT INVOLVED IN MAKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE DEVELOPMENT OR MANUFACTURE OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE MUST THEREFORE BE VIEWED AS FURTHERING A MILITARY PURPOSE. ACCORDINGLY, IT MUST BE CONCLUDED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OR MANUFACTURE OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INVOLVING NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUBJECT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE BASIC UNDERTAKING IN THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

F. THE DECLARED INTENTION IN USING A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVICE IS NOT RELEVANT IN THIS CONTEXT AS IT CANNOT ALTER THE TECHNICAL FACTS. COMPLIANCE WITH THE BASIC UNDERTAKING HAS TO BE JUDGED BY OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL CRITERIA. UNQUOTE

4. IAEA SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED FOREGOING TEXT PRIVATELY TO UK, USSR AND US MISSIONS FOR COMMENT, IN EXPECTATION OF UK RAISING QUESTION AT EARLY DATE. MISSION HAS ADVISED SECRETARIAT THAT TEXT APPEARS FINE, PENDING FURTHER STUDY. ACCORDINGLY,

MISSION WOULD APPRICIATE SOONEST ANY COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT, AEC OR ACDA.

5. IF AND WHEN UK RAISES QUESTION AND IAEA DIR GEN RESPONDS, SECRETARIAT PLANS TO CIRCULATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO ALL IAEA MEMBERS. MISSION ASSUMES THAT UK MAY MEANTIME MAKE EXCHANGE PUBLIC. PORTER

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